



# Inside Kingshurst

## Lest We Forget. Remembrance 2024

As has proudly become tradition during Armistice Day at Tudor Grange Academy Kingshurst, the entire school made their way in a sombre but responsible manner to the astroturf area where they formed a periphery to this facility, gazing inwards towards a plinth, designed and constructed by TGAK staff member Mr Dale, a former member of the armed services. A cohort of staff, including Mr Berry and Mr Dale, wore their own uniforms and led our cohort of ten students, all members of local cadet forces and resplendent in their respective uniforms to present the Academy's poppy wreath to its place on the plinth - where has remained over the course of the week within the reception area of the main building.

A simulated canon fire was played to mark both the commencement and end of the two minutes of silence, during which it was moving to witness the reverence and respect of which both students and staff placed on this important moment.

Executive Principal, Darren Turner, read a moving extract from *For the Fallen* by Robert Laurence Binyon before the traditional sounding of both The Last Post and The Rouse and the muted dismissal of year groups, having observed Remembrance in the right way.



**Tudor Grange Academy Kingshurst**  
Cooks Lane, Birmingham B37 6NU

**CAREERS FAIR**  
**2.00 – 5.30pm**

**Parents and Carers welcome from 3.05 onwards**  
**Thursday 28th November 2024**

**In the Foyer and the Hall**  
Exhibitors to include: Local and National Employers,  
Apprenticeship Providers, Universities, Colleges, Independent Training Providers  
Event organiser:  
Jacqui Robinson, Careers Leader [JRobinson@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk](mailto:JRobinson@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk)

For:

- Year 10
- Year 11
- Year 12
- Year 13
- Parents, carers and all year groups welcome after 3.05

Just a reminder to all parents and carers of the another tradition we proud to continue in support of our students and learners: **The TGAK Careers Fair!**

For the third consecutive year, we will be hosting a Careers Fair in the Main Hall and Student Foyer areas where students will be able to engage with 50 different providers that encompass Independent Training Providers, Universities, Further Education/ Sixth Form Colleges and Employers, including prestige companies such as BBC, Rolls Royce, Balfour

Beatty, McAlpine and National Highways. The Careers Team are excited to offer Key Stage 4 and 5 students a preview during the afternoon of the school day and will be **inviting all parents and carers to join us as of 3.05pm.**

**MOCK EXAMS WEEK 2 and going strong! [CLICK HERE](#) for a link to the Year 11 and Year 13 schedule**

## National College: What Parents & Educators Need to Know about QR-Code Scams



QR codes are a useful means by which people can quickly access online resources and other information, simply by scanning the pixelated pattern with their phone's camera. Unfortunately, as with many other advances in technology, there are those who use QR codes to scam and defraud unsuspecting people, tricking them into providing their personal details and payment information.

It can be difficult to determine when a QR code is legitimate – or where exactly you might encounter a scam of this nature – but it's important to learn how, if you wish to avoid falling victim to such a thing. The guide on page 2 explores the most common places you may find a QR code scam and explains how best to protect yourself from this underhanded practice.



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about QR CODE SCAMS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### PAYMENT SYSTEMS

Cybercriminals may seek to change a QR code that's related to a legitimate payment service, such as in a restaurant. If a customer scans the QR code expecting to order and pay for goods or services (such as a meal in this case), they may be directed to a site controlled by the scammers. Entering their payment details would then allow the criminals to defraud them.

### DISCOUNTED GOODS

A poster promises goods or services at a discounted cost, requiring people to scan a QR code to register and pay. The poster, however, is malicious, and there is no discount. Again, providing your payment details would allow the criminal to access your funds. This scam is reasonably common and is often found in car parks in major cities.

### PRIZE DRAWS

A QR code is provided for a prize draw, advertised on a poster which is likely on display in a public space. Scanning the QR code will result in being asked to provide further information (such as your email address, name, address or phone number), which is then used by criminals for further social engineering attacks or even identity fraud.

### WIFI CONNECTION

Scanning a QR code may be the means of connecting to the Wi-Fi network in a hotel or other public area. This is usually legitimate, but if the QR code is a fake, it could result in criminals viewing your browsing history and even your login details. These can subsequently be used for phishing attacks and identity fraud – and even financial fraud, if they're able to access your banking credentials.

### FAKE EVENTS AND TICKETS

A poster highlights news regarding an upcoming event, or regarding an additional allocation of tickets for a sold-out concert or other performance. It directs the user to scan a QR code for more information, to register or possibly to pay. The QR code then leads to a fake site hosted by scammers, aiming to gather data on the user for future attacks or to exploit or defraud them immediately.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### BE VIGILANT

QR codes are becoming more prevalent, and cyber criminals are increasingly seeking to use them to steal information and commit fraud. As such, it is important to remain aware of the risks. Always consider these safety concerns before scanning a QR code and avoid doing so unless you're certain it's legitimate. Be sure to keep your device's operating system updated as well, to keep you protected from known safety risks.

### CHECK FOR SIGNS OF TAMPERING

Where QR codes are printed or displayed, check for any sign of tampering: as a sticker with a new QR code being placed over the top of the previous code, for instance. Where there are signs of tampering, you should consult a member of staff (if you're in a hotel or restaurant, for example) or simply avoid scanning the code altogether.

### CHECK THE URL

Most phones now show the web address or URL which a QR code connects to, and they typically require users to accept being taken to this address before progressing. Check that the web address matches that of the site or service you're expecting to access via the QR code you've scanned. If it seems dubious in any way, don't click on it.

### USE TRUSTWORTHY SOURCES

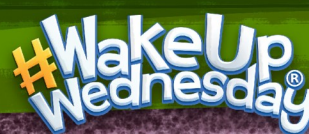
Consider the source of the QR code and its trustworthiness. A QR code for payment in a restaurant, for example, is likely to be legitimate if you can see it printed on every menu; a random poster pinned up in the street or in a building's corridor is more likely to be fraudulent. If you're unsure, err on the side of caution and don't scan the code.

### USE THE DEFAULT QR CODE SCANNER

Most mobile devices come with the ability to scan QR codes built into the camera app. Where possible, you should seek to use this default functionality and avoid the use of third-party QR scanning apps which may have themselves been tampered with or compromised. Stick to reputable methods.

## Meet Our Expert

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